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Land of Saints and Scholars - Ireland



“Our *unique encounters* on pilgrimage
give us insights that *enlighten and*
strengthen us interiorly.”

-Dr. Robert Moynihan



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Why Choose Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages?

With 30 years of publishing *Inside the Vatican* magazine, we have colleagues and friends all over the world — and many of them have become part of our Pilgrimage family.

Designing an Inside the Vatican pilgrimage begins with a theme or a particular country; then we weave in encounters with real people who live and work there, as well as those with expert knowledge in its historical and spiritual perspectives. Our itineraries include both world-renowned and little-known places, and every detail has been arranged to create a truly unique experience; we do not have cookie-cutter pilgrimages!

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Welcome



A PERSONAL INVITATION FROM DR. ROBERT MOYNIHAN

Dear Pilgrim,

In few lands is the story of Christ's triumph over darkness more dramatic than in Ireland.

I cordially invite you to come with us and experience for yourself this land of faith, Ireland, and tread with your own feet the ground walked by St. Patrick and the first missionaries. Stand on the Hill of Slane where Patrick dared to defy the pagan king and light the Paschal fire. Walk with us among Erin's ancient lanes, through her ruined monasteries, past the sites where long ago were fought the battles that even today still resonate.

Of course, the Emerald Isle beckons you not only with beauty, history and faith, but the solace of its legendary hospitality, fine foods and even better beer. Experience with us the "*craic*" – that indefinable Irish word for a "party" – and enjoy the warm conviviality that the Irish know so well how to celebrate.

More than that, we are inviting you to come on *pilgrimage*. Despite the incursions of secularism, the faith story of Ireland thrives still. Ireland is a land of holiness and learning, and of healings and miracles. You'll explore all this as well, as you encounter the "living stones" in the abbeys and shrines and monasteries we visit, and return home as a "living stone" yourself, to help build up the Church where you live and work.

Come with us as we experience Ireland, the "Land of Saints and Scholars."

- Robert Moynihan

Founder and Editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine

Why Pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle?

Ireland...the bucolic Emerald Isle...It has lush, green pastures that rise and fall in gentle hills, and yet it also has a rawness as you look inland, to heathland, bogs, quartzite mountain ranges and vast forests of oak, ash and spruce. It's a land where mountains loom over glassy lakes...an island with a savage-looking coastline and monstrously high cliffs, juxtaposed with white-sand beaches more reminiscent of the Caribbean than northern Europe. It's a place where prehistoric hill forts stand watch over a far-flung archipelago of bleakly beautiful, rocky terrain, surrounded by a churning Atlantic.



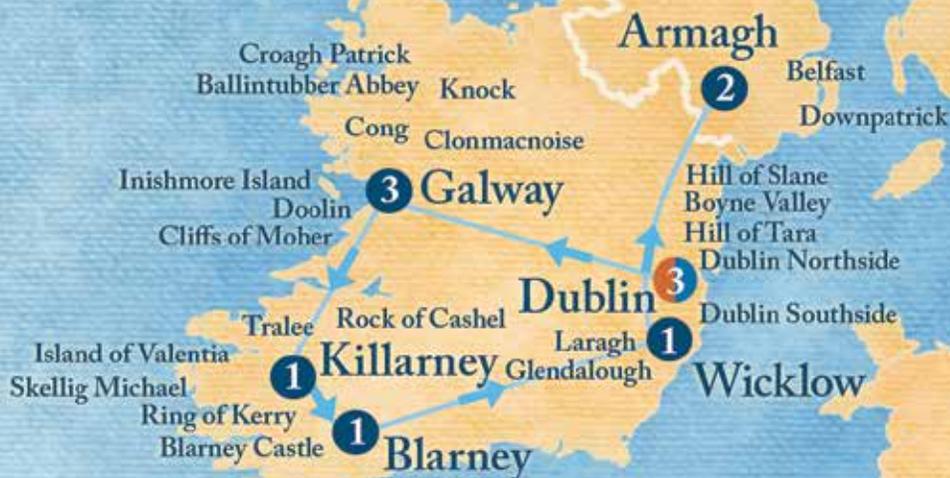
The history of Ireland reveals a Celt people of great faith and intelligence: book makers, jewelry makers, craftsmen, warriors and master negotiators who survived the Viking invasions of the 9th century, the Norman expansion of the 12th century and the political divisions along religious lines of more recent history that created a partitioned Ireland. As early as 431 A.D., Christianity made an appearance when Bishop Palladius arrived to minister to existing believers. St. Patrick began his mission a year later. For generations, Ireland was perceived as a Catholic country, holding fast to the values of its historic faith, even passing an amendment to the Constitution safeguarding the unborn.

Join us on pilgrimage to this place of natural beauty and Christian heritage. Our journey will begin in County Galway, taking us through the Boyne Valley and Glendalough, and end in Dublin at Trinity College. We will travel through history and encounter people from yesterday – and today – who still hold the ideals of Catholic Ireland. We will also view a few of the Island's treasures, like the magnificently illuminated ninth-century Book of Kells. Come with us as we seek to discover the deep faith of the Irish in our own souls...

Ireland: Galway, Killarney, Blarney, Wicklow, Armagh, Belfast and Dublin

-  Start/End Tour
-  Optional Add-on Overnight
-  Pass Through

Not all the stops scheduled for this pilgrimage are depicted.



Pilgrimage Overview

LAND OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS | PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DUBLIN - DRIVE TO GALWAY

- Visit the Hill of Slane, where St. Patrick lit the first Paschal Fire.
- Pass through Boyne Valley, travelling back 5000 years as we view the megalithic sites of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth.
- Travel to Hill of Tara, the coronation place of the pre-Christian kings.
- Visit Clonmacnoise, the ancient spiritual center founded in 548, where the kings were buried.

DAY 2: DAY IN GALWAY - CROAGH PATRICK

- Spend the day exploring the town of Galway at your leisure.
- Optional: Day trip to Croagh Patrick.

DAY 3: KNOCK SHRINE

- Attend private Mass at the Apparition Chapel in Knock.
- Tour Ballintubber Abbey where Mass has been said every day for 800 years.
- Explore the town of Cong, location where “The Quiet Man,” starring John Wayne, was filmed, and home of the Cross of Cong.
- Shop and dine in the beautiful Latin Quarter in Galway.

DAY 4: INISHMORE ISLAND AND THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

- Ferry to the Aran Islands to tour one of the best-known prehistoric hill forts and the greatest monastery of St. Enda at Island Inishmore.
- Enjoy the incredible view of the Cliffs of Moher from a boat and then from land.

DAY 5: SKELLIG MICHAEL AND THE RING OF KERRY

- Explore Valentia Island, one of the most westerly points of Ireland, and visit the Tower at Bray Head, St. Brendan’s Well, and the Skellig Experience at the Visitors Center.
- Optional: Visit Skellig Michael and wonder at the innovative construction methods practiced by the early monks to survived the harsh elements there.
- Driving tour of part of the Ring of Kerry, home to Iron Age forts, the Ogham Stones, old monasteries and diverse natural landscape carved out of rock by the last Ice Age.
- Attend Mass at Franciscan Friary, known for its magnificent altar and stained-glass windows, in Killarney.

DAY 6: BLARNEY CASTLE AND HOLY CROSS ABBEY

- Kiss the Blarney Stone (and gain the gift of eloquence!) at Blarney Castle.
- Visit the Rock of Cashel, including a 13th century Romanesque Chapel known for housing one of the more remarkable collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture in all of Europe.
- Visit Holy Cross Abbey in County Tipperary where you will attend a private mass and venerate a relic of the True cross.

DAY 7: GLENDALOUGH AND WICKLOW

- Wander through Glendalough in the heart of Wicklow Mountains National Park.
- Visit one of the early Christian sites found by St. Kevin in the 6th century.
- Walk among the trails of Powerscourt Gardens to the highest waterfall in Ireland.

DAY 8: BELFAST

- Meet Brendan Rogers, known as the miracle worker of Belfast, at his home overlooking Belfast.
- Attend private mass with Brendan Rogers, custodian of a first-class relic of St. Padre Pio.
- Enjoy the Black Cab Tour of Belfast’s troubled past - a pilgrim favorite!
- Enjoy tea with the Belfast Adoration Sisters.

DAY 9: DOWNPATRICK, DROGHEDA AND SILVERSTREAM BENEDICTINE PRIORY

- Attend Sunday Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral in Armagh.
- Visit Down Patrick Cathedral, believed to be near the burial place of St. Patrick, St. Brigid and St. Columba and pray at their tombs.
- Visit the National Shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett, the first Irish saint to be canonized in 700 years.
- Attend Vespers with the monks of Silverstream Priory followed by a period of reflection.

DAY 10: NORTHERN DUBLIN

- View the famous Book of Kells, the finest and most renowned of illuminated manuscripts of the four Gospels.
- Take a walking tour to famous landmarks of spiritual and political significance: General Post Office, St. Mary’s Pro Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the Shrine of Venerable Matt Talbot, Garden of Remembrance at St. Michan’s Church.

DAY 11: SOUTHERN DUBLIN

- Wander through historic Dublin visiting St. Stephen’s Green, Newman University Church, along the quay to St. James Gate area, Kilmainham Gaol and Merrion Square.
- Tour Guinness Storehouse and learn what goes into making a pint of Guinness – and, of course, have a taste!
- Farewell dinner with Irish food and music.



A scenic mountain landscape under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a person in a black robe with a white fur collar walks away on a dirt path. In the middle ground, another person is visible further up the path. On a hill to the right, there is a stone tower with a cross on top. The background shows a range of mountains.

Pilgrimage Itinerary

Welcome to Ireland!

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HILL OF SLANE, SLANE

ARRIVAL – SATURDAY

Our journey begins immediately upon arrival at Dublin Airport. We will depart the airport, travelling directly to the Hill of Slane and the Hill of Tara where it all began in 433 A.D.: here St. Patrick lit the Paschal Fire in defiance of the pagan High King Loegaire.

From the ancient Hills of Slane and Tara where the kings were crowned, we will travel through the Boyne Valley, which takes us back 5000 years as we view the megalithic sites of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth, to Ireland's spiritual center, Clonmacnoise, where the kings were buried.

After touring Clonmacnoise, we continue to our lodgings for the next two nights, located in Furbogh near Galway, at the four-star Connemara Coast Hotel, a waterfront property. Here we will attend a Welcome Mass and dinner. The history of this site is steeped in hospitality traced back to 1839, when it was a two-story residence that hosted fashionable parties where visitors engaged in cultural debates, entertainment and such local activities as fishing, hunting and shooting.

Overnight in Furbogh, County of Galway. 

SUNDAY

Galway

Spend a relaxing day in the countryside town of Galway. After breakfast, we will attend Sunday Mass there, and you will be left to wander the town at your leisure with the option of visiting Croagh Patrick, said to be the holiest mountain in Ireland. At the summit of Croagh Patrick, St. Patrick fasted for forty days in 441 A.D. and the tradition has been passed on from generation to generation.

You may prefer to spend your afternoon back at the hotel. The views from the hotel are stunning examples of Ireland's scenery — the green of the pastures and the blue of the Northern Atlantic Ocean. You can even walk in the sand barefoot, only steps away from the hotel. Lunch and dinner will be on your own as you explore Galway, which is the third largest city in Ireland. Galway is a vibrant seaside city full of culture, history, entertainment and a bustling cafe and restaurant district. Overnight in Furbogh. 



KERWAN'S LANE, GALWAY

Look for these icons at the end of each itinerary day to see which meals are included in this pilgrimage.



BREAKFAST



LUNCH



DINNER

MONDAY

Knock Shrine — A visit with Mary, our Mother...

After breakfast, we will board the bus for the drive to Knock to attend a private Mass in the Apparition Chapel at this site of a Marian apparition in 1879. Here we encounter Our Lady and implore her blessings on our pilgrimage.

We will depart Knock for Ballintubber Abbey, founded by St. Patrick when he brought Christianity to Ireland in 441 A.D. The Ballintubber Abbey is an example of the heroic struggle of the Irish people to keep the faith, in spite of dungeons, fire and sword. Before we leave Ballintubber Abbey, we will have lunch at an Irish pub.

After lunch, we leave Ballintubber Abbey and travel to Cong. Cong features a ruined medieval abbey, Cong Abbey, where Rory O'Connor, the last High King of Ireland, spent his last years. (It is also the location where John Wayne shot the film, "The Quiet Man.")

We will return to Galway to visit the Latin Quarter, known for its live Irish music scene and for being the most beautiful part of Galway. The Latin Quarter has restaurants, pubs and many shops selling traditional Irish wares.

We will have several hours of free time to take in the sights and sounds, shop and enjoy dinner on your own. After dinner, we will return to our beautiful coastal hotel, only a short ten-minute drive away. Overnight in Furbogh. 📺 🗕



KNOCK, MAYO



CLIFFS OF MOHER, DOOLIN



TUESDAY

Inishmore Island – Doolin – Cliffs of Moher

After Mass and breakfast, we depart for Rossaveal, where we will ferry to the Aran Islands. We will visit Island Inishmore, the largest of the three islands, where one of the best-known prehistoric hill forts and the greatest monastery of St. Enda are located.

We will depart the island and ferry in a different direction for the rare view of the Cliffs of Moher from the water before reaching the mainland town of Doolin. One of Ireland's most famous sights, the Cliffs of Moher are entirely vertical, and the cliff edge is abrupt, so the best view is from the water.

From the cliffs, we proceed to Killarney as we head toward the Ring of Kerry. Overnight in Killarney..



RING OF KERRY AND SKELLIG MICHAEL

WEDNESDAY

Skellig Michael and the Ring of Kerry

This morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we begin our drive along the road called the Ring of Kerry to Valentia Island, one of the most westerly points of Ireland. There we will visit the Tower at Bray Head, St. Brendan's Well and the Skellig Experience at the Visitors Center.

An alternative to visiting Valentia Island is an optional excursion where you will board small boats for a magnificent and extraordinary trip to Sceilig Mhichil or Skellig Michael. This excursion is an additional expense for the pilgrim (anticipated cost is €130 per person). For those interested, we will make the reservations for you and arrange for box lunches.

Upon leaving Valentia Island, we will drive to the other side of The Ring of Kerry to our lodgings for the night in Blarney. Along our drive we will stop in Killarney to visit the friars at the Franciscan Friary there to attend Mass.

Thereafter, we will have dinner with Irish music in downtown Killarney before continuing our journey to our lodgings for the night, the four-star Blarney Hotel and Golf Resort, set among 164 acres of the beautiful wooded Shournagh Valley. Overnight in Blarney. 🍷 🏠

THURSDAY

Blarney Castle – Rock of Cashel – Holy Cross Abbey

After breakfast, we will travel to nearby Blarney Castle, established in 950 A.D. – the current structure was built in 1446 – to kiss the Blarney Stone and gain the gift of eloquence!

Once all who wish to kiss the Blarney Stone have done so, we will head to the Rock of Cashel. This rock rises dramatically from the flat countryside and is crowned by a group of buildings, both ecclesiastical and royal, including a round tower and a 13th century Romanesque chapel. It's huge, it's complex, it's iconic and there is nothing like it anywhere else in the world.

After lunch on your own in Cashel, we head to Holy Cross Abbey, located in County Tipperary, where a relic of the True cross was brought by the widow of King John, the Plantagenet Queen Isabella of Angouleme, around 1233.

After a private mass and veneration of the true cross relic at Holy Cross Abbey, we head to, we head to Wicklow and our home for the night, the Glenview Hotel, a four-star hotel built in 1914. Originally used as a cottage, hunting lodge and guesthouse, today it welcomes many national and international celebrities including actors, world leaders, musicians and athletes. Dinner will be at the hotel. Overnight in Wicklow. 🍷 🏠



ROCK OF CASHEL, BLARNEY

FRIDAY

Glendalough and Wicklow

Glendalough is set in prime hiking territory in the heart of the beautiful Wicklow Mountains National Park. This scenic narrow valley, encircled with granite crags, is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful early Christian sites. Founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century, this monastic "city" rivaled Clonmacnoise as a seat of learning, with its soaring 33m-tall round tower and cluster of Romanesque churches. The name means "valley of the two lakes," and the main monastic site at the eastern end of the valley contains several significant monuments.

We will visit the majestic House and Gardens at Powerscourt Estate. You can enjoy lunch on your own at one of the cafes or restaurants near this jewel of County Wicklow. The area is known as a center for recreational mountain activities for hillwalkers, hikers, motorcyclists and cyclists, as well as birdwatchers who come here to look for the great spotted woodpecker, Ireland's newest species, that breeds here.



**POWERSCOURT GARDENS,
COUNTY WICKLOW**

We will continue to Armagh, "the city of saints and scholars," arriving in Northern Ireland. (Note that the currency will change from euros to British sterling pounds.) Northern Ireland has the highest percentage of church-goers in all of the EU, both Protestants and Catholics, like the bible belt in the United States. Armagh served as the spiritual center of Ireland for over 1500 years and the seat of both Catholic and Protestant archbishops. It also served as an educational center since the time of St. Patrick due to a belief that St. Patrick decreed that only those educated at Armagh could spread the Gospel.

In Armagh, we will be staying at the Armagh City Hotel which is situated on an elevated position overlooking the magnificent ancient city and has on its doorstep the city's two cathedrals, beautiful Georgian architecture and great independent boutiques. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Armagh. 🍷 🏠



WICKLOW NATIONAL PARK, GLENDALOUGH

Belfast...Miracles: stories of healing and survival...



RIVER LAGAN, BELFAST

After breakfast, we continue our journey, travelling to Belfast to meet Brendan Rogers, who resides on a hill overlooking the city. We are all called by God to serve Him in our own unique way and Brendan Rogers is no exception. However, his commission and his story are quite unusual.

Following a series of strange, even mystical occurrences, Brendan traveled to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St. Padre Pio. There he was singled out by one of the custodian friars of that pilgrimage site and given a first-class relic of the saint, a piece of cloth that was once a bandage around the saint's heart. He was told that with this relic he would bless and heal many, and he has carried it with him ever since, carrying out his mission with impressive results. Brendan, the custodian of the relic, remains available to anyone who calls on him and is known as the miracle worker of Belfast.

We will attend Mass with Brendan in his chapel and perhaps hear the wonderful stories of healing and peace those who have called upon him have received.

After our time with Brendan we head to the Belfast Adoration Sisters. We will have tea with the sisters, hearing their stories—some of the sisters were famous Irish women living in secular society, who then experienced a conversion.

We will end the day with the famous Black Cab Tour of two major streets in Belfast lined with murals depicting a time of civil war, just 40 years ago, that gripped this city. We will also drive by the two St. Patrick's Cathedrals in town, one that is Catholic and one that is Protestant.

Dinner will be at Digbys, just outside of Armagh on our way back from Belfast. We will be in for a treat!

Overnight in Armagh. 🍷 🏠



NATIONAL SHRINE TO SIR OLIVER PLUNKETT, BLACKROCK

SUNDAY

Armagh, to Downpatrick, Drogheda and Silverstream Benedictine Priory...

This morning after breakfast, we will walk to St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh, the seat of the Catholic Church in Ireland, to attend mass.

We then depart Armagh and head to Downpatrick, the city of St. Patrick. We will have lunch here followed by a visit to Down Cathedral, the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, that is believed to be near the burial place of St. Patrick, St. Brigid and St. Columba. We will pray at the tomb of St. Patrick

After our visit to the cathedral, we will travel through Boyne Valley again to Drogheda and St. Peter's Church and the National Shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett, the first Irish saint to be canonized in 700 years.

Our next encounter is with the monks of Silverstream Priory, situated amidst pasture land and forest in the eastern reaches of County Meath. They undertake various works compatible with their monastic vocation, notably the development of the land and gardens, hospitality to the clergy in need of a spiritual respite, scholarly work and publishing. The monks will greet us, then we will join them for Vespers followed by a private reflection.

After our visit we will head to our accommodations at Trinity College, located in the heart of Dublin. After check-in, we will have dinner in downtown Dublin. Overnight in Dublin. 🍷 🏠

MONDAY

Dublin Northside: The Book of Kells, the shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot

After breakfast at Trinity College, we walk over to the library to view the magnificently illuminated Book of Kells, created around 800 A.D., which contains the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (through Chapter 17), prefaces, summaries and concordances.

From Trinity College, we will take a short walk to O'Connell Street, the city's main thoroughfare, to visit one of the most famous buildings in Ireland, the General Post Office. It was one of the last of the great Georgian public buildings erected in the capital, opening to the public on January 6, 1818.

From the General Post Office, we proceed to the "heart" of the city and an active house of God, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, just a short four-minute walk away.

Another short walk brings us to Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sean McDermott Street Lower, where we will visit the Shrine of Venerable Matt Talbot. Many miracles, especially those of people freed of addictions, have been attributed to his intercession.

The last stop on our walking tour of Dublin is the Garden of Remembrance at St. Michan's Church. It is a large sunken garden that features a pool in the shape of a non-denominational cross designed to be inclusive of all religions, creeds and colors. The floor of the cross is lined with mosaics of shattered swords and broken shields – echoing the rituals of ancient clans who would break their weapons at the end of battle and throw them into the rivers or large bodies of water to symbolize the end of a conflict.



TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

It commemorates all Irish uprisings and rebellions from 1798 through Ireland's more recent civil war. We will have lunch along our walk. Dinner will be on your own in the city of Dublin after our walking tour, allowing time to explore, shop or to just enjoy some solitude. Overnight in Dublin. 🍷 🏠



TUESDAY

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY CHURCH, DUBLIN

Dublin Southside: A church under the patronage of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, then a tour of the Guinness Brewery... and our final dinner



INTERIOR KILMAINHAM GAOL, DUBLIN

After breakfast, we continue to explore the City of Dublin. Our first stop today is St. Stephen's Green, a short walk from Trinity College. Cared for by the Office of Public Works, the park is an important public resource in the area, and provides an oasis of beautiful green calm in the middle of a bustling city.

The Parish of Newman University Church is under the patronage of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom. Opened in 1856, it was initially attached to the neighboring Catholic University and later to Harrington Street parish. In October of 1974, it was established as a parish church itself. This historic and beautiful church has been a distinctive landmark in Dublin's city center for over 150 years and a place where the faith of the people of the parish community and beyond has been, and continues to be, celebrated.

No trip to Ireland would be complete without a stop at the famous Guinness brewery. So, we will travel to the St. James Gate area to tour the Guinness Storehouse. We will learn what goes into making a pint of Guinness and how the Guinness company, the largest brewer of stout in the world, shaped the city of Dublin.

We will enjoy our farewell Dinner with Irish food and music. During dinner, we will introduce you to some of our Irish friends whose passion in their work for the Church are the flickering flames of the ancient pascal fire lit centuries ago by St. Patrick. We reflect on what they share about current faith issues in Ireland and on the encounters we have had, realizing that the ruins and relics are contemporary artifacts, living icons that show the way through the recent death and burial of Catholic Ireland to its resurrection and rebirth. As we have discovered, the faith of the Irish runs deep and has survived even the harshest of circumstances, including martyrdom. And still it endures. Overnight in Dublin.  

WEDNESDAY

As we depart, we keep Ireland and her people, her saints and scholars, in our hearts...

After breakfast, we depart for Dublin Airport. A group transfer will be arranged to the airport for your return home. After exchanging good-byes, we bid farewell to all our fellow pilgrims until we meet again. 

"Slán agus beannacht Dé leat" ("Goodbye and blessings of God" in Gaelic)



Registration Information

Pricing



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We will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary. On rare occasions, it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (including such circumstances as the weather, acts of God, airline schedule changes, hotel requisitions, political disturbances or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustment be necessary, a substitution will be made to the best of our abilities.

INCLUDES

- Meals – some meals are included: eleven (11) breakfasts daily, two (2) lunches and eight (8) dinners.
- Bus – Private, first-class motor coach and all group transfers are included.
- Taxes and Fees – All local taxes are included.
- Entrance Fees – All entrance fees are included.
- Arrival/Departure Transfers – There will be a group transfer to/from Dublin (DUB). Please see the Instruction Page for more details.

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COST - LAND PACKAGE

Total Land Package Cost:	\$4,525.00
Early Booking Discount:	\$100.00
Book by Friday, January 20, 2023	

Total Land Cost with Early Booking Discount: \$4,425.00

Final Payment Due: May 22, 2023
Due 60 days before departure

- Discounts – Other discounts may be available. Call our U.S. Office for more information. All discounts applied to the final payment.
- Deposit – A non-refundable Evergreen Deposit of \$500.00 is due at the time of booking. An Evergreen Deposit will not expire and can be transferred to another pilgrimage even if you choose to cancel, regardless of the reason. This Evergreen Deposit is transferable to another person. The transfer of the deposit must be communicated in writing.
- **Single Room Supplement - \$900.00.** Please note: there is a limited number of single rooms available. If you are traveling alone, the single supplement rate applies.

DOES NOT INCLUDE

This Pilgrimage does not include:

- Airfare to and from Ireland
- Airport transfers for those not arriving within specified time frames to participate in the group transfers. See Instructions page
- Meals not specifically identified
- Gratuities payable to bus drivers
- Other personal expenses, included but not limited to laundry services, minibar in hotel rooms, et cetera
- Items not specifically mentioned in the pilgrimage description literature

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Household: ITVP defines household as those participants who dwell under the same roof and have the same address for at least 6 months per year.

Rates and Payments: Rates are based on applicable rates as of May 2022 and could change due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum number of 15 pilgrims. If they change, we will invoice participants accordingly. **Land Package:** \$4,525.00 per participant. Does not include airfare.

1st Payment: \$500.00 non-refundable deposit – Due at time of booking.

2nd Payment: Balance due May 22, 2023, 60 days from departure.

Single Supplement fee: \$900.00 for single occupancy room, if applicable. Due with 2nd payment.

Early Booking Discount: \$100.00 discount – register by Friday, January 20, 2023.

Fees: Applicable Credit Card fees are to be paid by the participant. These fees will be added to your invoice.

Reservations and Payment Schedule: A \$500.00 per participant, non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure. If your reservation is received less than 60 days prior to departure, then full payment is due at the time of booking. Receipt of your non-refundable deposit shall act as your agreement to understand these terms and conditions. Fax, internet, e-mail or phone reservations are welcome. The non-refundable deposit and/or payment in full must be received within 7 days of booking or reservation will cancel.

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Form of Payment: Bank/Certified Checks, Money Orders, ACH or Wire Transfers (please fax a copy of bank confirmation when wiring funds) are accepted forms of payment at any time. Personal checks are acceptable if received more than 30 days prior to departure date. You may also make Direct Credit Card Payments to ITVP (Discover, Visa and Master Card). Every reservation must be accompanied by a signed Registration Form. Returned checks will incur a \$50.00 service fee. If there is a returned check, then we will only accept certified checks thereafter.

In case of computer or human billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

Transfers: Two (2) group transfers to and from Dublin's airport (DUB) are included. Only participants whose flights arrive into DUB before 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023 and depart DUB no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 will be included in the group transfers. It is the responsibility of participant to notify ITVP of any flight delays. If the participant's flight is delayed and this delay causes the participant to miss the scheduled group transfer, the cost and arrangement of transfer from the airport to the hotel or location of the tour bus becomes the participant's responsibility.

Individual transfers to and from the airport are not included in this package. Although ITVP can book an individual transfer to the airport upon request, the

participant is financially responsible for that transfer.

Flight Schedule: Land Package participants are responsible for purchasing their own airline tickets only after they receive written notification from our office that this pilgrimage will travel due to meeting the minimum number of participants required to travel. ITVP recommends all participants who purchase the Land Package to arrive in Dublin on Friday, July 21, 2023, one day before the pilgrimage start date. Land Package participants should schedule their departure from Dublin for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 after 10:00 a.m. Should a participant encounter a flight delay/cancellation, it is the participant's responsibility to notify ITVP.

Insurance: Travel insurance is not included in the Land Package; however, we strongly recommend that you purchase it.

Travel Documents: All travel documents are the responsibility of the participant. A valid passport is required for travel to Ireland and must remain valid for at least 6 months after your departure date from Ireland. For passport holders from countries other than the United States, you are responsible for determining the required travel documents. ITVP will not be responsible for any delays, damages and/or losses, including missed portions of the pilgrimage, due to improper travel documentation. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur the usual penalties.

U.S. State Department & Other Agencies:

From time to time the U.S. State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on pilgrimage. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. ITVP cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, problems or ill health, or other incident in one or more of the places this pilgrimage is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on this form. Travel insurance may or may not cover these possible causes for cancellations.

Photography: Agents of ITVP may take photographs or videos of its pilgrimages and pilgrimage participants. Participants grant ITVP permission to do so and allow ITVP to use such photos and videos for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fees or royalties. These photos will be available on our photo website InsideTheVaticanPhotos.com following the pilgrimage. A code is required to download these photos from Inside the Vatican's photo gallery. The code will be provided after the pilgrimage.

Private Rooms and Single Supplement: A limited number of single rooms are available at the single supplement rate. If the allotted number of single rooms is booked, any additional single rooms that we may be able to book, if available, incur a fee in addition to the Single Supplement fee.

Cancellations and Refunds: Cancellations must be received in writing in order for any refunds to be issued, and will be processed according to the date the written notice is received. Although a verbal cancellation is also appreciated, it will not be accepted as official notice. Please mail the cancellation notice to **14 W Main St. Front Royal, VA 22630**. In the event of cancellation, monies will be refunded minus the cancellation fee. The cancellation fee will be calculated as follows:

- 60 days or more prior to departure: \$500.00 per participant deposit
- 59 to 30 days prior to departure: \$500 per participant deposit and 50% of total cost*
- 29 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total cost* (no refund)

* Cost includes: Land Package and single supplement, if applicable.

If you purchase travel insurance, it may cover the

amount remaining after refund, depending on the circumstances of the cancellation and the conditions of the policy. Check with your travel insurance provider, if applicable.

Tour/Pilgrimage Cancellation by ITVP: On rare occasions a pilgrimage may have to be canceled due to lack of participation.

In such a case, ITVP's sole responsibility is to provide a full refund. ITVP is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through ITVP.

Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disaster or any other circumstance outside the control of ITVP, are not the fault of ITVP. Great effort will be made to accommodate transfers to another pilgrimage or to revise the itinerary; however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for a refund.

Room Service and Other Extraneous Charges:

Room Service and extraneous charges not expressly listed as part of the Pilgrimage Package are not included. Should a participant request room service, or any other extraneous charge, including, but not limited to, mini bar, laundry services, internet charges or pay-per-view, the participant will be financially responsible for those charges to be paid at the time of check-out. If these charges are not paid at check-out, ITVP will bill the participant accordingly. Payment due upon receipt. Any unpaid bills will bear interest at 1.5% monthly (18% annually).

Luggage: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

Airfare: No airfare is included in the cost of this Land Package. To obtain assistance purchasing airfare, please contact our office.

Gratuities: Gratuities are not included.

Health Requirements: This pilgrimage requires significant walking. Any medical conditions or special equipment needs must be listed on the registration form. ITVP is not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior to, during or after the pilgrimage.

Final Package: A final package containing documents, applicable airline ticket information, local contact information, a pilgrim book, and travel tips will be mailed to each participant approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to departure. Upon receipt of your documents, you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to ensure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors, it is the participant's responsibility to contact ITVP immediately. Documents, including tickets, are not guaranteed if final payment and booking forms are not received by the deadline.

Unused Services: There will be no refund for any unused portions of the pilgrimage. Refunds will not be made to participants who miss any part of the pilgrimage for any cause whatsoever.

Itinerary: Although ITVP and its agents and representatives will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (including, but not limited to, such circumstances as weather, acts of God, airline schedule change, hotel requisitions, political disturbances, or transportation mechanical problems).

Should such adjustments be necessary, substitutions will be made to the best of our abilities. A refund will not be given. Any additional costs necessitated by such changes are the full responsibility of the participant. We do not guarantee preferred seating at events.

Printing Disclaimer: ITVP is not responsible for typographical or printing errors including errors in trip cost. We reserve the right to re-invoice or correct billing at any time.

Please initial: I have read and agree to these Terms and Conditions.

Registration Form



LAND OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS | PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND | JULY 22-AUGUST 2, 2023

PRICING TERMS: Price stated is as of May 2022 and could change due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum of 15 pilgrims. If the price increases, an invoice will be issued before the final payment is due, which is 60 days prior to departure. Payment of the initial deposit for this pilgrimage indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

Name as it appears on your passport:
(Enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport with this form.)

Name you prefer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Number () _____ Office () _____

Cell () _____ Will you be traveling with this cell phone? _____

Email _____

Passport Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Date and Place of birth: _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Contact Numbers _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Double Occupancy: Two Beds One Bed

Name of Roommate _____

Single Occupancy:

I would like a single room. I must pay the **\$900.00 Single Supplement fee**. The Single Supplement fee is due with the final payment.

I would like a roommate; please put me in touch with other pilgrims who would like a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, I must pay the **\$900.00 Single Supplement fee**.

PAYMENTS:

Check(s) payable to: **Inside the Vatican** Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard

Booked Online (circle one)

Name as it appears on Card _____ Amount \$ _____

Card Number: _____

Security code (back of card) _____ Expiration _____

Card Billing Address _____

I have received, read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for Land of Saints and Scholars | Pilgrimage to Ireland, July 22-August 2, 2023, as well as the Pricing Terms, Payment Terms, and the "Release" outlined on the right side of this form. I also agree that Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages cannot be held liable for any injury or loss sustained during the pilgrimage. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Witness (a non-family member) Signature _____

Witness (print name) _____

PRICE

\$4,525.00 Land Package

-\$ 100.00 Book by Friday, January 20, 2023

Total: \$4,425.00 (Land)

Single Supplement fee: \$900.00

Release: Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages, Inside the Vatican, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively "ITVP") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip/pilgrimage, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities, which may utilize the ITVP name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, ITVP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations ITVP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation any willfully or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the ITVP name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, ITVP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default or any third party, attacks or bites by animals, insects or pests, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity or any other cause beyond its control. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless ITVP and its employees, owners, officers, directors, shareholders and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, or actions resulting from or arising out of the Inside the Vatican Pilgrimage.

Should Dr. Robert Moynihan or Deborah Tomlinson be unable to participate in this event, reasonable efforts will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of Dr. Robert Moynihan or Deborah Tomlinson, the tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate on this trip, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether Dr. Robert Moynihan or Deborah Tomlinson is able to participate. ITVP is not responsible for any loss incurred by participant including lost days of the scheduled cruise/tour, due to a canceled flight or other means and modes of transportation. We will have daily Mass and strive to be in places as indicated. However, sometimes this is not possible as the site may not be available for Mass or itinerary changes are forced upon us. In this case, an alternative site for Mass will be arranged, if possible.

ALL THAT APPLY **Do You Use:** walker cane

Dietary Restrictions

Physical Limitations: (Please check all that apply)

difficulty walking long distances

difficulty standing difficulty climbing stairs

medical conditions other none

Please Explain:

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact our US Office at +1.202.536.4555 or email us at Pilgrimages@InsideTheVatican.com. Revised: May 2022



Instructions



Dear Sir or Madame,

Thank you for taking the time to read about the **Land of Saints and Scholars Pilgrimage to Ireland 2023** being offered by Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages.

To reserve your space on this pilgrimage, contact us as soon as possible, either by email at Pilgrimages@InsideTheVatican.com or by phone at **+1.202.536.4555 extension 3**. Space is limited. We will hold your space for seven (7) days until we receive your registration information and payment.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM OUR OFFICE THAT THIS PILGRIMAGE HAS MET THE MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF 15 PILGRIMS TO OPERATE THE PILGRIMAGE. *****

When booking your airline flight into Dublin's (DUB) airport, we recommend that you arrive on **Friday, July 21, 2023** which is the day before the pilgrimage begins. The Maldron Hotel is a convenient 3 minute walk from the airport and also easily accessible by the 24 hour airport shuttle. I will be happy to assist you in booking this extra night. For your return home, you need to book your return flight from DUB for **Wednesday, August 2, 2023 after 10:00 a.m.**

Once you have booked your airline reservation, please forward a copy of the flight information to our office via email or U.S. mail. If you need assistance with your airline flight arrangements, just let us know and we will be happy to assist you. Again, do not purchase your independent airline tickets until you receive a written notification from our office that the minimum number of pilgrims has been met and this pilgrimage is a go.

Should you have any questions about the pilgrimage, please feel free to call us directly at +1.202.536.4555, extension 3. If you would like to reserve your space after business hours, simply send us an email or leave us a phone message and we will respond to you on the next business day.

Please let us know how we can assist you in joining this pilgrimage!

Gwyneth Owen
Pilgrimage Coordinator | Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages

To join us:



1. REGISTER:

BY PHONE - Call our U.S. Office at +1.202.536.4555

ONLINE - Go to our website at InsideTheVaticanPilgrimages.com

- Select Land of Saints and Scholars 2023
- And click the "Book Now" button

BY MAIL - print out the Terms and Conditions and the Registration Form

- Initial the Terms and Conditions
- Fill out the Registration Form
- Mail to the address below



2. EVERGREEN DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable Evergreen Deposit of \$500.00 per pilgrim is due at the time of booking. An Evergreen Deposit will not expire and can be transferred to another pilgrimage even if you choose to cancel, regardless of the reason. This Evergreen Deposit is transferable to another person. The transfer of the deposit must be communicated in writing. Please make checks payable to Inside the Vatican. If you prefer to wire funds, please contact our office.



3. QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please contact our U.S. Office at +1.202.536.4555



4. EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:

To take advantage of the Early Booking Discount of \$100.00, please complete all steps outlined herein to confirm your booking by Friday, January 20, 2023.

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“Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

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